

Regional Knowledge Hub Teams Up with Clinton Foundation to Build HIV/AIDS Treatment Capacity in Dnipropetrovsk

AIHA and the Regional Knowledge Hub for the Care and Treatment of HIV/AIDS in Eurasia are collaborating with the William J. Clinton Foundation's HIV/AIDS Initiative to train infectious disease specialists from primary care facilities in Ukraine's Dnipropetrovsk Oblast how to better diagnose and treat PLWH.



Clinicians attend a lecture during the Introduction to HIV Care course conducted in Dnipropetrovsk in April.

Following site assessment visits in late 2006 and early 2007, AIHA and Knowledge Hub experts worked closely with the Clinton Foundation to develop a three-course training package that emphasizes primary level HIV screening, diagnosis, and care.

Based on the Knowledge Hub's ART courses, which largely target AIDS Center clinicians and HIV specialists, the HIV Care curriculum also features an introductory course, a mentoring component, and an advanced course.

The first training was conducted Feb. 12-16 for polyclinic infectious disease specialists. With the overall goal of improving rates of early diagnosis and treatment referral, the course covered topics such as HIV symptoms, patient counseling, prevention, and opportunistic infections commonly occurring in PLWH.

A second introductory course was conducted April 2-6 and a third May 14-18. Mentoring is slated to take place in June and advanced courses in the fall.

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